GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1739
ANSWERED ON:28.11.2002
REDUCTION IN LICENCE FEE FOR FM RADIO
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

to the reply to the Unstarred Question No. 3887 given on August 8, 2002 regarding reduction in licence fee for FM radio and state:

(a) whether the Government have examined the reasons for reducing the licence fee for F.M. Radio which has caused a loss of Rs. 17.79 crores as pointed out in the CAG report No. 2 of 2002;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken for recovery of the amount from each of the concerned party?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a), (b) & (c): The Ministry is in the process of examining the circumstances of the decision of 1993, for reducing the licence fee. Action, as deemed appropriate, would be considered only after the outcome of the examination.